

City of Manchester

Deduct Meter Rules & Regulations

As per Title V Chapter 52, Section 52.160(D) of the Code of Ordinances, user charge credits for residential customers for extraneous water use are available by making application to the Highway Department, EPD, 300 Winston Street for the installation of a "deduct" meter. Extraneous water use is that portion of the Manchester Water Works metered water, not returning to the sewer system. As per Section 52.160(D)(3), credits for non-residential users will be given for water used for irrigation purposes only. Said readings will then be deducted from the Water Works meter reading to determine the Sewer Usage Charge, in accordance with Section 52.160(A)(2).

The following are conditions of approval:

1. Property owner must complete an EPD application. **Deduct meters may only be purchased from EPD.**
2. A ***plumbing permit*** must be obtained from the Building Department prior to installation of meter.
3. The deduct meter and piping modifications must be installed in accordance with all applicable codes and EPD's installation sketch. Wire from the meter to the outside recording unit must be **phone cable with 22 gauge four (4) conductor wire** (black, green, red, and yellow). Yellow will be used as a spare. The wire must exit the house next to the existing Water Works recording unit. The deduct meter will not be read if the recording unit is not mounted next to the existing unit.
4. When installation is complete, you must call EPD at **624-6513** to schedule an inspection. **Meter will not be activated until inspected.** Allow a minimum of 24 hours notice for inspection.
5. At the time of inspection, the application form must be complete, including a sketch of the installation and certification by a **licensed plumber** that only water that does not enter the sewer system is connected to the deduct meter.
6. Only one deduct meter per primary water meter is allowed.
7. Abuse of the deduct meter option or attempts to defraud will cause the privilege to be revoked and penalties will be processed in accordance with applicable City Ordinances.